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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In paper is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 4, 2006. This paper is believed to be timely and no petition for extension of time is required. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.